

Winnebago Tribe
Omaha Nation
Thurston County



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History of Weed & Seed

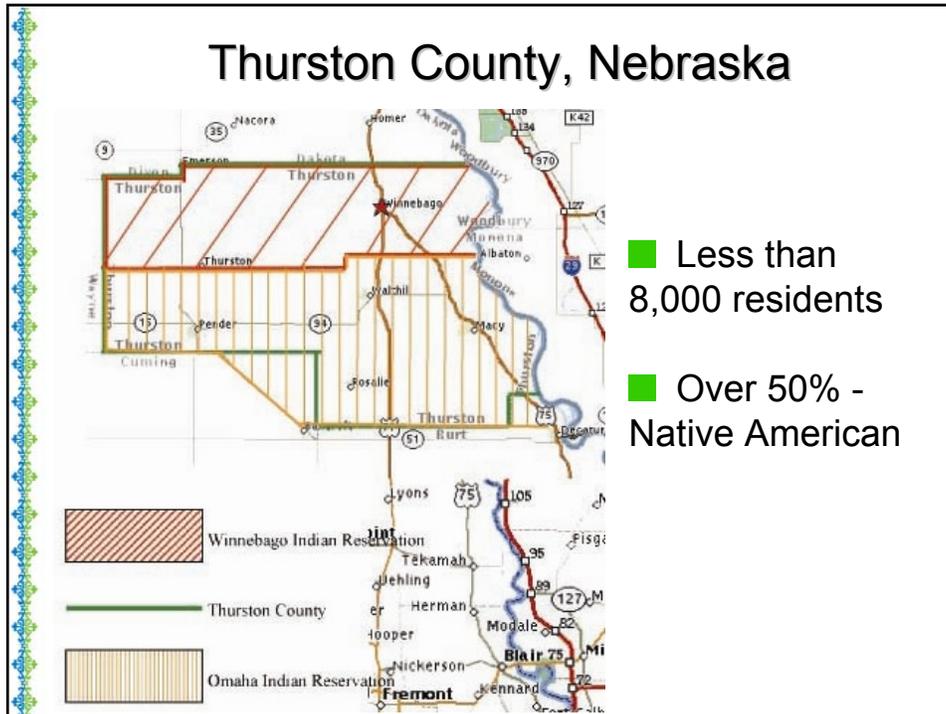
FY 2003-2005

Nebraska Justice Center – originating organization.

FY 2006

Ho-Chunk Community Development Corporation – subsequent administrating organization

Thurston County, Nebraska



■ Less than 8,000 residents

■ Over 50% - Native American

Participating Communities

- **Winnebago Tribe – Winnebago, Nebraska**
- **Omaha Nation – Macy, Rosalie, Walthill, & Pender, Nebraska**
- **Greater Thurston County**
 - Remote rural citizens are included as a part of greater Thurston County
 - Local Government/Tribal government, Law Enf., School, Safe Haven & at Large Community Members all serve on the steering committee.

Goals & Objectives

LAW ENFORCEMENT/CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Goal 1: To reduce illegal alcohol and drug activity in the tri-jurisdictional target area.

Objectives:

- Engage the ongoing support and involvement of the U.S. Attorney's office, FBI, DEA and local law enforcement to address federal-level drug crime
- Identify options for enhancing incarceration and detoxification resources for persons arrested in the Weed and Seed target area.

Goal 2: To reduce youth crime and delinquency.

Objectives:

- Increase the number of non-violent juvenile offenders referred to appropriate alternative sentencing and restorative justice alternatives.

Goal 3: To reduce domestic and family violence.

Objectives:

- Identify avenues for continuing coordination within each jurisdiction to prevent, identify, arrest, and prosecute domestic violence

COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING

Goal 1: To decrease alcohol and drug related crime, violence, and youth related crime by 25%

Objectives:

- Continue to develop neighborhood watch groups in each of the jurisdiction's villages and provide education and awareness of violent crime, domestic violence prevention, drug and alcohol prevention to neighborhood groups.

Goal 2: To reduce domestic and family violence.

Objectives:

- Identify at least two law enforcement officers within each of the three jurisdictions to work as a link with neighborhoods and groups in the domestic and family violence prevention initiative.

Goal 2: Tribal members and county residents, as well as law enforcement and court services will have improved access to coordinated necessary services regarding alcohol/drug abuse, family violence, and parenting concerns.

Objectives:

- Tribal and county governments will establish tri-jurisdictional services and referral hot line.

PREVENTION, INTERVENTION, TREATMENT

Goal: Serve as a resource for the Omaha Nation Community Response Team (ONCRT).

Objectives:

- Integrate the ONCRT team with the Hot Line and Weed and Seed Strategy.

Goal: Develop, encourage and promote leadership skills among our youth.

Objectives:

- To sustain the multi-community youth advisory council (YAC).

Goal: Reduce youth juvenile delinquency and alcohol and drug abuse

Objectives:

- Identify a youth mentoring program for use in all three jurisdictions.

NEIGHBORHOOD RESTORATION

Goal: Beautify our communities

Objective:

- Young people involved in diversion, probation, alternative sentencing, restorative justice will have meaningful community learning activities to participate in to improve self and community well-being and enhance community beautification.

Update On Project

Since the Transition in Fiscal Agents:

- New Site Coordinator Hired in June 2006
- Re-organization of Steering Committee & Sub Committees
- In the process of evaluating the Official Recognition Weed & Seed Strategy

Strategic Planning Process

- Inclusiveness of all steering committee members.
- Structure of Steering committee members to include power brokers and concerned citizens.
- Engage subcommittee members through open invitation and direct invitation by steering committee members.

Citizen Involvement

- Example Project in process:
 - Neighborhood Watch in conjunction with a strategically placed playground.
 - Methamphetamine Task Force
 - Omaha Nation Community Response Team

Obstacles

- Transition caused a delay in project
- Steering Committee attendance
- Other Community Participation throughout Thurston County

Successes

- Weed & Seed Family Day (FY2003 & 2004)
- Youth Softball league (FY 2003 & 2004)
- Honoring Our Youth Day – Winnebago Tribe
- National Methamphetamine Awareness Day
- Youth Violence Intervention Activity – Omaha Nation (ONCRT)



Questions?